# **EXHIBIT B**



**Service of Process** Transmittal

05/26/2010

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TO:

Michael Keating, Attorney Emerson Electric Co. 8000 West Florissant Avenue Saint Louis, MO 63136

RE:

**Process Served in Texas** 

FOR:

Electrical Reliability Services, Inc. (Domestic State: CA)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Exxonmobil Corporation, Pltf. vs. Electrical Reliability Services and Old Republic

Insurance Company, Dits.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Citation, Original Petition, Civil Information

COURT/AGENCY:

125th Judicial District Court Harris County, TX

Case # 201031449

NATURE OF ACTION:

Insurance Litigation - Breach of contract, failure to comply with the terms of the Agreement and to provide insurance coverage - Request for Declaratory Judgment

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Dallas, TX

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

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APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

By 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days

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ELECTRICAL RELIABILITY SERVICES,	*	
and OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE	*	
COMPANY	*	
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Defendants.	*	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Plaintiff, ExxonMobil Corporation ("ExxonMobil"), submits the following causes of action against Defendants, Electrical Reliability Services, Inc. and Old Republic Insurance Company, and respectfully avers as follows:

#### DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Plaintiff avers that discovery should be conducted under Discovery Level 3.

# **PARTIES**

- 2. ExxonMobil Corporation is a company organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and maintains its principal place of business in Irving, Texas.
- 3. Electrical Reliability Services, Inc. ("ERS") is a company organized under the laws of a state other than Texas and maintains an office at 1455 Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 150, Pasadena, Texas. ERS provides electrical service and may be served through its registered agent for service of process, CT Corporation System, 350 N. St. Paul Street, Suite 2900, Dallas, Texas 75201-4234.

4. Old Republic Insurance Company ("Old Republic") is a foreign insurance company that maintains its principal place of business in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Old Republic does business within the State of Texas and is registered with the Texas Department of Insurance. Old Republic may be served through its agent for service of process: Corporation Service Company, 211 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 620 Austin, Texas 78701-3218.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.
- 6. This Court has jurisdiction over ERS because ERS has purposefully availed itself of the privilege of conducting activities in the State of Texas and establishing minimum contacts sufficient to confer jurisdiction over ERS such that this Court's exercise of jurisdiction is consistent with due process. This Court has jurisdiction over Old Republic because Old Republic purposefully does business within the State of Texas by issuing policies of insurance to residents of the State of Texas. At all material times, Old Republic issued a policy of insurance to ERS.
- 7. Venue is proper in Harris County pursuant to the terms of Enabling Articles of the Agreement and the General Terms and Conditions of the contract at issue. In the alternative, venue is proper under sections 15.002 and/or 15.035 of the Tex. Civ. Practice & Remedies Code.

## **FACTS**

#### A. The Agreement

8. ERS and ExxonMobil Global Services Company entered into a Standard Procurement Agreement for Downstream or Chemical Services with Incidental Goods (the "Agreement") dated October 20, 2008.

- 9. The Agreement consisted of several parts, which included, but were not limited to: 1) the Enabling Articles of the Agreement (the "Articles"); and (2) the General Terms and Conditions (the "General Terms").
- 10. The services contemplated under the Agreement consisted of "electrical work, transformer repair, bushing testing, etc."
- 11. As stated in Clause 4 of the Articles, the "Purpose and Operation" of the Agreement was to incorporate the terms of the Agreement, Exhibits, and Addenda into Orders issued by Affiliate [Plaintiff] as defined in Clause 1 of the General Terms to Supplier. The Affiliate that issues an Order would be considered a Purchaser under the Agreement. As defined in Clause 1(a) of the General Terms, Plaintiff is a Purchaser under Clause 4 of the Articles and ERS is a Supplier under Clause 4 of the Articles.
- 12. Clause 7 of the Articles provides that the Articles are governed by the law of the State of Texas, and the parties agreed to submit to the exclusive "jurisdiction of the courts of Texas, including municipal, state and/or federal courts as appropriate with respect to these Enabling Articles." Moreover, Clause 26 of the General Terms provides for the application of Texas law and states that the jurisdiction of the "municipal, state and/or federal courts, as appropriate of the State of Texas for work performed in Texas."
- 13. Clause 9 of the Articles provides that the Articles consist of the entirety of the parties' agreement. Moreover, this clause provides that "[t]he Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either oral or written, related to this Agreement." Clause 1(a) of the General Terms provides that the Order incorporates the "General Terms and Conditions and the Exhibits and Addenda selected in the Enabling Articles" and "constitutes the

entire agreement between Purchaser and Supplier and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either oral or written, related to the subject matter of the Order."

- 14. ExxonMobil Chemical Company is a division of ExxonMobil Corporation. ExxonMobil Chemical Corporation issued Order No. 455059259 to ERS to perform electrical work at ExxonMobil Corporation's refinery in Beaumont, Texas dated October 13, 2008. ExxonMobil Corporation is a Purchaser under Clause 4 of the Articles and ERS is a Supplier under Clause 4 of the Articles. Clause 1(b) of the General Terms provides that "[b]y executing an Order ... Supplier agrees to the terms and conditions contained in the Order."
- 15. ExxonMobil Corporation meets the definition of "Affiliate" under Clause 1(e) of the General Terms.
- 16. Order No. 455059259 issued by ExxonMobil Chemical to ERS is within the meaning of Order as set forth in Clause 4 of the Articles and Clause 1 of the General Terms.
- 17. Clause 14(a) of the General Terms requires that ERS's liability insurance cover "Purchaser and Affiliates" [Plaintiff] as an additional insured in connection with ERS' performance of services under the terms of the Agreement, which would include the work set forth in Order No. 455059259. Moreover, the insurance required to be procured by ERS in compliance with Clause 14(a) was to provide primary coverage. Specifically, Clause 14(a) provides, in pertinent part, the following:

Notwithstanding any provision of an Order to the contrary, Supplier's [ERS] liability insurance policy(ies) described above shall: (i) cover Purchaser and Affiliates [Plaintiff] as additional insureds in connection with the performance of Services; and (ii) be primary as to all other policies (including any deductibles or self-insured retentions) and self insurance which may provide coverage.

18. At all material times, Old Republic was ERS's insurer (Old Republic Insurance Policy No. #MWZY57625). Under the terms of the Agreement ExxonMobil was to have been covered as an additional insured on the Old Republic policy.

## B. The Personal Injury Suit

- 19. John Blake Burnham and Amy Burnham filed suit against ExxonMobil Corporation and ERS for an alleged electrical injury sustained on December 22, 2008 at an ExxonMobil facility in Beaumont. The suit is entitled *John Blake Burnham and Amy Burnham* v. Exxon Mobil Corporation d/b/a Exxon Mobil, Cause No. D183088 in the 136<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for Jefferson County, Texas (the "Personal Injury Suit").
- 20. According to the allegations of the Personal Injury Suit, Mr. Burnham was employed by the MMR Group, a subcontractor of ERS (a/k/a Emerson), and claims to have sustained an electrical shock injury at an ExxonMobil facility while ERS was performing work for ExxonMobil. Mrs. Burnham's claims are derivative of Mr. Burnham's personal injury claims. The Burnhams' claims sound under various theories of negligence.
- 21. The December 22, 2008 incident that constitutes the basis for the Personal Injury Suit occurred while ERS was performing work under Order No. 455059259 and while MMR was acting as ERS's subcontractor. Consequently, the terms of the Agreement, which include but are not limited to the Articles and General Terms, are applicable.
- 22. Although ERS was obligated to have liability insurance to cover "Purchaser and Affiliates" [Plaintiff] as an additional insured for the claims asserted in the Personal Injury Suit, ERS failed to fulfill its contractual obligation and did not provide coverage for ExxonMobil on their insurance policies for the claims asserted in the Personal Injury Suit.

- 23. ERS placed Old Republic Insurance Company on notice of the claims asserted in the Personal Injury Suit and ERS further placed Old Republic Insurance Company on notice of ExxonMobil Corporation's demand for defense and indemnity and for coverage as additional assured.
- 24. Despite being on notice of the Personal Injury Suit and on notice of ExxonMobil's demand for additional assured status, Old Republic improperly refused to provide coverage or a defense to ExxonMobil Corporation.
- 25. Due to the failure of ERS and Old Republic Insurance Company to comply with the terms of the Agreement and to provide insurance coverage, Plaintiff has been forced to defend and reasonably settle the Personal Injury Suit and to incur significant legal fees and defense costs.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

- 26. ERS is in breach of the Agreement, *inter alia*, due to its failure to comply with Clause 14 of the General Terms.
- 27. Based on ERS's representations made in the Agreement, Plaintiff reasonably relied on ERS's clear and unequivocal promise to procure insurance to provide coverage for the events at issue in the Personal Injury Suit. Plaintiff relied on ERS's representations that it would comply with the terms of the Agreement to their detriment.
- 28. Through its acts or omissions, ERS negligently failed to procure insurance as provided for in the Agreement.
- 29. Due to ERS's breach of contract, Plaintiff has been significantly damaged. Plaintiff's damages consist of the cost of defense of the Personal Injury Suit, to include legal

fees, and indemnity for the reasonable settlement of the Personal Injury Suit in the amount of \$2.5Million.

30. Plaintiff seeks an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Chapter 38 of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE.

# REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

- 31. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 30 as if set forth verbatim herein.
- 32. An actual, justiciable controversy exists between Plaintiff ExxonMobil Corporation and Defendant ERS regarding the obligation of ERS to procure coverage for ExxonMobil and to provide coverage for the claims asserted in the Personal Injury Suit as set forth in the parties' Agreement. ExxonMobil seeks a declaration that ERS is in breach of the parties' Agreement.
- An actual, justiciable controversy exists between Plaintiff ExxonMobil and Old Republic as to the existence of coverage for ExxonMobil Corporation under the Old Republic policy and as to Old Republic's duty to defend ExxonMobil Corporation against the claims asserted in the Personal Injury Suit. ExxonMobil seeks a declaration that Old Republic owes ExxonMobil defense and indemnity under the policy at issue.
- 34. ExxonMobil Plaintiff is entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees under Chapter 37 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, because this is a suit for declaratory judgment.

PRAYER

Plaintiff ExxonMobil Corporation respectfully prays that Defendants ERS and Old Republic be cited to answer herein, and that upon final hearing, the Court grant judgment for the Plaintiff as follows:

- 1. A declaration that ERS is in breach of the Agreement by failing to procure insurance for ExxonMobil under the Agreement.
- 2. A declaration that ExxonMobil is entitled to coverage under the Old Republic policy.
- 3. A declaration that ExxonMobil is entitled to a defense under the Old Republic policy.
- 4. A finding that ExxonMobil has been damaged as result of Defendants' breach of contract and/or negligence
- 5. An award of damages to ExxonMobil that includes, but is not limited to the costs and attorneys' fees associated with the defense of the Personal Injury Suit and the amount of the settlement of the Personal Injury Suit.
- 6. ExxonMobil is entitled to recover its expended or incurred costs of court in this cause.
- 7. ExxonMobil is awarded its reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees.
- 8. The Court award pre- and post-judgment interest in favor of ExxonMobil at the maximum rate allowed by law; and
- 9. Such other and further relief, at law or in equity, either general or special, to which Plaintiff may show itself to be justly entitled.

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